

News Release



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SUNNYVALE, California -- January 5, 1982 -- Three new home computer game programs, a bookkeeping package and a home filing system were introduced by the Home Computer Division of Atari, Inc.. They will be shown for the first time at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 7, 1982.

PAC-MAN* is the Atari Home Computer version of a very popular coin-operated game. In this version, a player's character must negotiate a maze without being eaten by any of four pursuers. By eating an "energy" dot the player's character can gain the ability to attack and gobble up the pursuers. For use on both the ATARI 400TM and ATARI 800TM Home Computers, this \$44.95 game comes in cartridge form, and will be available in the second quarter of 1982.

CENTIPEDETM is another ATARI Home Computer version of a best-selling coin-operated game. In this version, the player uses a "Bug Blaster" to defeat colorful legions of attacking spiders, fleas, scorpions, the CENTIPEDE itself, and poisonous mushrooms. The \$44.95 game can be used on both ATARI 400 and ATARI 800 Home Computers. It comes in cartridge form and will be available in the second quarter of 1982.

CAVERNS OF MARSTM is a facinating new game that takes players beneath the surface of Mars. The player's character must penetrate several layers of defenses to reach the Aliens' stonghold. Floating mines, "enemy" ships on patrol and deadly laser fire menace the player constantly. This game was originally developed for the ATARI Program Exchange and won a prize in the APX quarterly software contest for its 17-year-old author. This \$39.95 game can be used on both the ATARI 400 and ATARI 800 Home Computers with an ATARI 810TM Disk Drive. It comes in diskette form and will be available in the first quarter of 1982.

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THE home management programs:

THE BOOKKEEPER is a powerful accounting system designed to meet the needs of people who do business from their homes and for those who run their personal finances in a business-like fashion. It is a low-cost, comprehensive accounting system that generates professional calibre reports, such as Profit and Loss Statements, Balance Sheets, Accounts Receivable and Payable. It will handle 1,000 transactions a month and up to 350 General Ledger accounts, vendors and customers.

The Bookkeeper consists of four diskettes, including a Sample Company data diskette that lets you familiarize yourself with The Bookkeeper before you start entering data of your own. The package requires an ATARI 800 Home Computer with ATARI BASIC language cartridge and 48K of Random Access Memory, an ATARI 810 Disk Drive, an ATARI 825TM 80-Column Printer and an ATARI 850TM Interface Module.

Price and availability will be announced later.

THE HOME FILING MANAGERTM lets a user create, store, edit, retrieve and print information similar to that found on 3" x 5" index cards. It provides a convenient way to catalog books, addresses, clothes, recipes, record collections, Christmas card lists, vocabulary words, term paper notes, and the like.

The user can search in alphabetical or reverse alphabetical order or locate an entry by its title or a phrase it contains.

The Home Filing Manager consists of two program diskettes and one formatted data diskette. It can be used on an ATARI 400 or ATARI 800 Home Computer with an ATARI Disk Drive. An optional printer is desirable.

Price and availability will be announced later.

Atari, Inc., a subsidiary of Warner Communications, Inc., is a leading designer and manufacturer of coin-operated and home video games and home computers, peripherals and software.